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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

To:

School-based
Services
Providers

HMOs and Other
Managed Care
Programs

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/.

School-based services providers receive additional reimbursement

Wisconsin Medicaid currently reimburses school-based services (SBS) providers 60% of all federal funding received to pay claims for SBS. The remaining 40% of federal funding is deposited in the State General Fund because of the state's contribution to special education in public schools.

The 1999-2001 Biennial Budget, 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, directs Wisconsin Medicaid to reimburse SBS providers 90% of federal funding received in excess of \$16.1 million for these two state fiscal years. (The \$16.1 million includes both the funds paid to SBS providers and the funds retained by the state.)

Additional reimbursement not continued for future years

This provision was not continued in the 2001-2003 Biennial Budget; therefore, SBS providers will *not* receive this additional check in future years.

Additional reimbursement for state fiscal year 2001 (July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001)

In state fiscal year 2001 (July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001), Wisconsin Medicaid received a total of \$26.3 million of federal funding (of which \$15.8 million was paid to SBS providers) to pay claims for SBS. This amount is \$10.2

million over the \$16.1 million threshold.

Therefore, in addition to receiving the 60% of the federal share for claims paid in state fiscal year 2001, SBS providers will receive an additional 30% reimbursement of the federal share for the excess amount of \$10.2 million.

Wisconsin Medicaid *will proportionately distribute \$3 million (30% of \$10.2 million) to SBS providers* based on the amount they received for SBS claims reimbursed by Wisconsin Medicaid in state fiscal year 2001. For example, School district X received \$500,000 in claims reimbursement, which was 3.2% of all SBS Medicaid claims reimbursed in state fiscal year 2001. Therefore, School District X would receive 3.2% of the excess amount, which would be \$96,000 additional reimbursement.

Wisconsin Medicaid will send the additional 30% reimbursement to SBS providers in December 2001. It is not necessary for school districts and Cooperative Educational Service Agencies to take action to receive this reimbursement. An explanation of benefits message stating "132-Payment is to satisfy amount owed by Wisconsin Medicaid" will appear on the Remittance and Status Report along with any other claim's payments.